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(NOTAL) TOKYO ALSO FOR EMBASSY
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- 1. AS YOU ARE AWARE A US NAVAL FORCE OF FIVE SHIPS CENTERED ON THE CARRIER USS CONSTELLATION ENTERED THE INDIAN OCEAN ON NOV. 10. REF B DIRECTED THAT CONSTELLATION AND APPROPRIATE ESCORTS MAKE A 36-HOUR EXCURSION INTO THE PERSIAN GULF BEGINNING APPROXIMATELY 0800Z ON NOV. 24.
- 2. ACTION ADDEES SHOULD IMMEDIATELY INFORM APPROPRIATE HOST GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES, ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS, ALONG FOLLOWING LINES AND REPORT REACTIONS:

QUOTE THE USS CONSTELLATION WILL BE DETACHED FROM EXERCISE MIDLINK ON NOVEMBER 23 TO ENGAGE IN A ROUTINE TRANSIT INTO THE PERSIAN GULF FROM NOVEMBER 24 TO 25. THE CONSTELLATION WILL REJOIN EXERCISE MIDLINK LATE ON NOVEMBER 26. THE U.S. DECIDED THAT THE PRESENCE OF THE CONSTELLATION IN THE NORTHWESTERN INDIAN OCEAN AREA PROVIDED AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR A ROUTINE FAMILIARIZATION DEPLOYMENT INTO

THE PERSIAN GULF. IT SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED THAT THE DEPLOYMENT INTO THE GULF IS COMPLETELY CONSISTENT WITH US POLICY, STATED PUBLICLY IN 1973, TO THE EFFECT THAT THE US NAVY WOULD MAKE MORE FREQUENT PERIODIC DEPLOYMENTS INTO THE INDIAN OCEAN AREA. IT SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED THAT THE CONSTELLATION WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF EXERCISE MIDLINK BETWEEN SECRET

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NOVEMBER 26-29. IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT THE TRANSIT INTO THE GULF WAS NOT POSSIBLE SUBSEQUENT TO THE COMPLETION OF MIDLINK WITHOUT FORCING THE CREW TO FORFEIT CHRISTMAS AT THE CONSTELLATION'S HOMEPORT IN SAN DIEGO. UNQUOTE.

- 3. CENTO PLANNERS BEING NOTIFIED BY SEPARATE MILITARY MESSAGES.
- 4. FOR INFO ADDEE POSTS: FOREGOING PROVIDED FOR YOUR BACKGROUND ONLY AND SHOULD NOT BE COMMUNICATED TO HOST GOVERNMENTS AT THIS TIME.
- 5. FOR ALL: ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS, INCLUDING PRESS GUIDANCE, FOLLOW SEPTEL. INGERSOLL

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